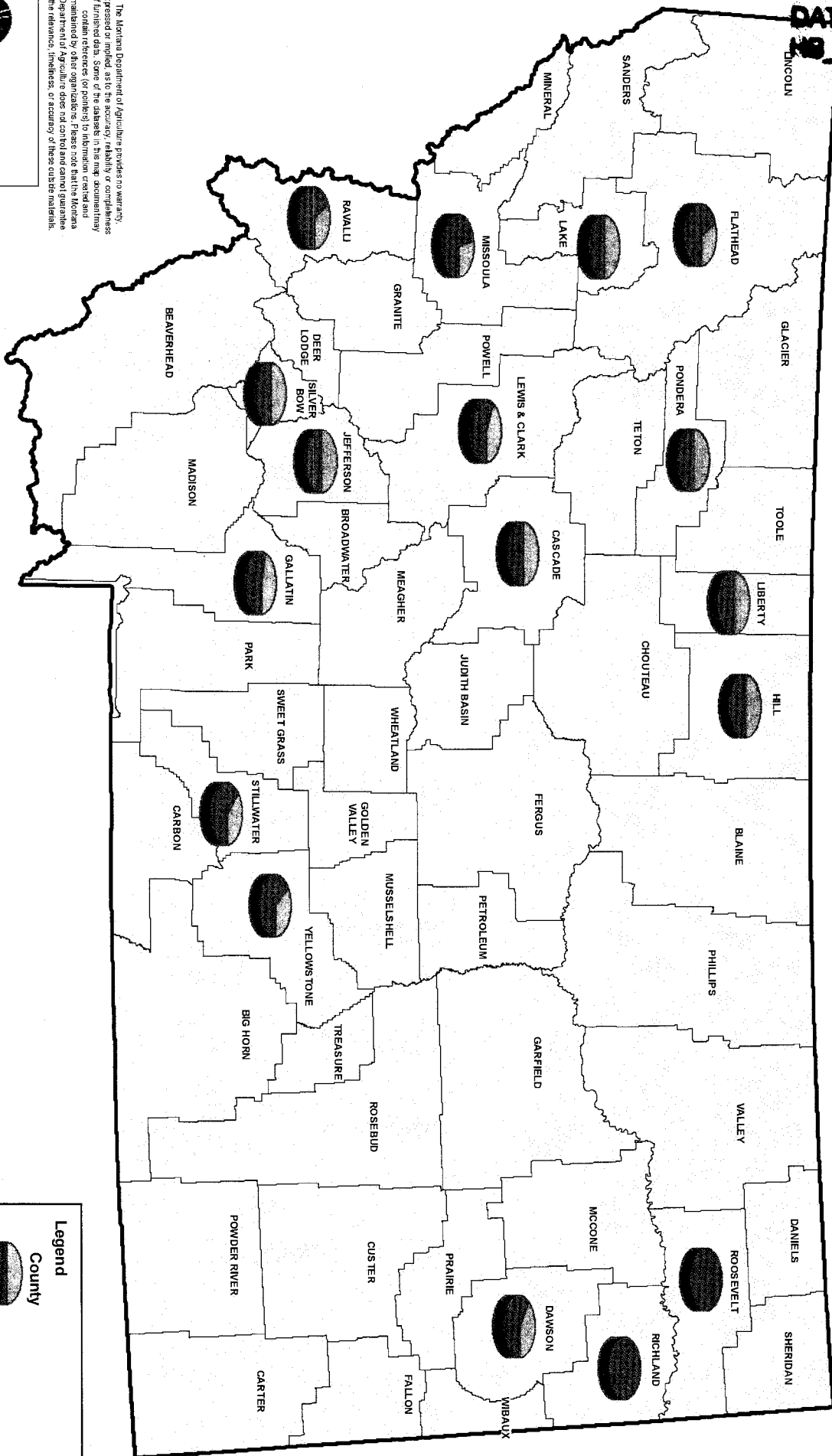
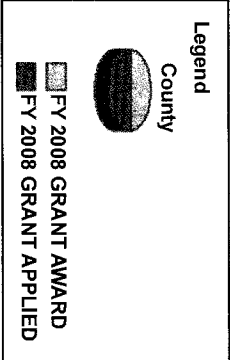


GROWTH THROUGH AGRICULTURE GRANT APPLICATIONS VS AWARDS BY COUNTY FOR FY 2008



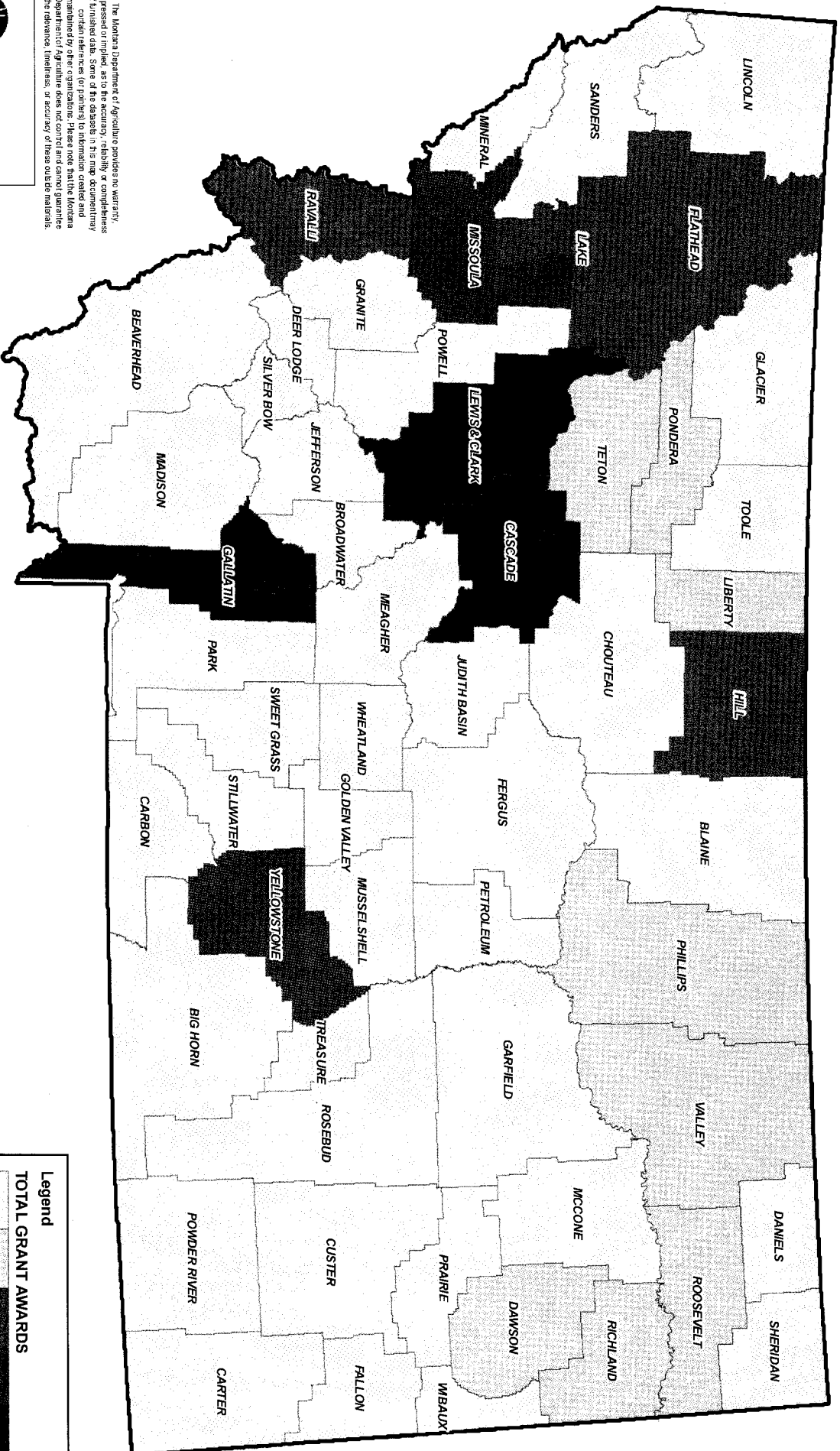
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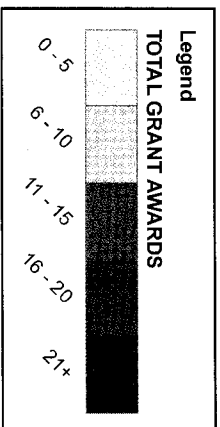
GROWTH THROUGH AGRICULTURE

TOTAL GRANT AWARDS

BY COUNTY FOR FY 1999 - 2008



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**Montana Department of Agriculture
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Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
FY 2007 (July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007) Funded Projects			
Trevino's Tortillas	Billings	\$30,000	For the purchase of equipment, supplies & materials to assist with expanding production of tortillas.
Bear Paw Development Corporation	Have	\$5,400	For consultant services, & supplies & materials related to logo design, website design, printing of business cards and marketing slicks; and travel to attend the United Fresh Produce Association Conference.
Gallatin Valley Agriculture Committee	Belgrade	\$5,000	For advertising and promotion, equipment and supplies & materials expenses associated with "Farm Fair 2007," a three day education event for 4th graders in Gallatin County.
Gallatin Valley Land Trust	Bozeman	\$5,000	To assist with consultant costs involved in networking landowners and new small scale diversified producers.
Madison County Economic Development Council	Virginia City	\$20,000	For advertising & promotional assistance related to the marketing of Montana Black branded beef program.
US Omega3 Foods, LLC	Florence	\$50,000	To assist with consultant services, advertising & promotion, supplies & materials, and communications expenses related to US Omega3 Foods, LLC's consumer education and product marketing campaign.
Montana CiderWorks	Sula	\$13,700	For assistance with professional services in the form of electrical, plumbing, carpentry, welding, and fabrication of equipment related to the expansion of Montana CiderWorks.
Pondera Economic Development Corp.	Conrad	\$11,500	For assistance with half of the costs associated with consultant services for the engineering design, equipment, pricing & the business operating plan.
National Carbon Offset Coalition, Inc.	Butte	\$20,000	For the reimbursement of actual Chicago Climate Exchange listing and registration fees at a rate of \$.20/metric ton of CO2 based on the actual tons contracted and traded by National Carbon Offset Coalition, Inc. up to a maximum of \$20,000 reimbursement.
Bitterroot Gardeners Collective	Corvallis	\$7,921	For equipment purchases related to the start-up and implementation of the Bitterroot Gardeners Collective.
PrecisionCropManagement	Conrad	\$16,300	For travel, advertising & promotion, & aerial imagery collection expenses related to the promotion of Precision Crop Management's grain protein optimization of wheat through the aid of remote sensing.
Gold Country Mushroom, Inc.	Clancy	\$25,000	For purchase of equipment to include a 5 ton water chiller, 5 ton cooling tower, grow room coils, thermostats, piping & valves & freight; assistance with the compost building; & electrical service to assist with the expansion of Gold Country Mushrooms, Inc.
MT Woolgrowers, Inc.	Helena	\$15,500	For travel, equipment, supplies & materials, & training fees assoc. with instructor training & certification of MT Wool Harvesting School.

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Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
UnderGrade.com	Missoula	\$10,000	For advertising & promotion expenses of UnderGrade.com, specifically trade periodicals 100% directed towards Montana agriculture producers.
Ethanol Producers And Consumers	Nashua	\$9,000	For supplies & materials expenses associated with the EPAC ethanol and biodiesel conference in June 2007 at Big Sky Resort.
Glacier Valley Vineyard	Kalispell	\$10,000	To assist with the purchase of grapevines related to new vineyard installation.
Elliotts	Fort Benton	\$50,000	To assist with design & printing costs, marketing & promotion expenses, promotion & update of website, purchase of a walk in freezer, trailer advertising, & upgrades to the facility.
City of Great Falls	Great Falls	\$9,850	For advertising & promotion expenses related to the Made in Montana Marketplace.
Glacier Fresh Cherries	Big Fork	\$50,000	To assist with the purchase & installation of a compressor & evaporators for cold room refrigeration, one sorting table & the partial purchase of a forklift related to the expansion of Glacier Fresh Cherries packinghouse.
Bighorn Botanicals, Inc.	Noxon	\$16,812	To assist with the purchase of equipment related to the expansion of manufacturing capabilities for the processing of natural dietary supplements.
Polson Business Community	Polson	\$1,000	To assist with costs associated in advertising the Montana Flathead Cherry at the Polson Cherry Festival.
Montana Premium Beef, LLC	Dutton	\$34,000	To assist with facility renovation; ROI to assist with the purchase of a refrigerated carcass trailer, Leer slide-in low temp. freezer transport, glass front freezer case, Hollymatic Hamburger Patty machine, and technology equipment.
Montana Specialty Mills	Great Falls	\$46,500	For the purchase of market research, feasibility study, & engineering study for the rebuilding and relocating of the existing oilseed processing plant.
AquilaVision, Inc.	Missoula	\$50,000	For the services assoc. with maximizing Montana National Agricultural Imaging Program imagery with sampled thermal & hyperspectral data.
Grains of Montana	Billings	\$39,250	For marketing and promotion assistance associated with building Grains of Montana brand and product awareness.
TWEnterprises, Inc.	Billings	\$16,000	For advertising assistance for the expansion of TWEnterprises, Inc.'s production and sales.
Safflower Technologies International, LLC	Sidney	\$23,840	For assistance with the determination of the economic and feeding value of NutraSaff wholeseed in a dairy ration to lactating dairy cows compared to a control dairy ration.
Headwaters RC&D Area Inc.	Butte	\$15,000	For consulting services associated with the site location & permitting, plant design, and lagoon engineering & design for the Beaverhead County Value Added Beef Processing Facility project.

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Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
Intertribal Agriculture Council	Billings	\$26,128	For expenses associated with enhancing Indian product marketing opportunities through the expanded application of the "Made by American Indians" trademark, marketing the trademark in local publications, and provide educational brochures to Montana Indians.
City of Shelby-MT Northwest Pork Cooperative	Shelby	\$50,000	For business plan development of the Northwest Pork Cooperative Processing Facility pending the results of a successful feasibility study.
Montana Hog Marketing Association	Malta	\$4,550	For assistance with consultant services, advertising & promotion, supplies & materials, communications, and data processing expenses associated with an educational conference for Montana's pork producers.
Great Northern Growers Cooperative	Chester	\$49,500	For the purchase of equipment to clean, mill, and produce Proatina oats.
Glasgow Area Chamber of Commerce & Ag	Glasgow	\$5,310	For assistance with expenses associated with conducting the New Direction in Agriculture seminar in Glasgow on January 9, 2007.
Bitter Root Brewing	Hamilton	\$15,725	For travel, advertising, and promotional expenses related to the expansion of Bitter Root Brewing.
Total Funded FY 07		\$757,786	

FY 2007 Projects Not Funded			
Glendive Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture	Glendive	\$50,000	Processing and storage facilities for Yellowstone Caviar.
Community Food and Agriculture Coalition	Missoula	\$30,200	Developing a farm and ranch transfer program in western Montana.
BVS, Inc.	Stevensville	\$50,000	A tool that will screen and detect honey bee pathogens.
Geneectar Com., LLC	Whitefish	\$50,000	Genetic testing to add value in animal breeding.
Flathead Biodiesel, LLC	Kalispell	\$50,000	Expanding the business' processing capacity.
Madison County Economic Development Council	Virginia City	\$50,000	Development of Southwest Montana branded beef.
Benjamin B. Braunheim	Brooklyn, NY	\$45,500	Mobile oilseed crushing facility.
Hughes Mountain Ranch, LLP	Stanford	\$10,428.15	Development of agritourism at Hughes Mountain Ranch.
AgriMin Technologies, Inc.	Butte	\$48,000	Marketing and export of sulphur-based fertilizers to China.
Sustainable Systems, LLC	Culbertson	\$50,000	Permit, design, and engineering for a biodiesel facility processing plant at Montola.

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Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
Randall Dupuis	Polson	\$50,000	Expansion of Dupuis Apiaries.
Agri-Green Biodiesel, LLC	Fernie, BC, CA	\$49,500	Bio-refinery feasibility study.
Max Energy	Missoula	\$49,320	Development of Max Omega-3 Organic Camellina.
Hamilton Manufacturing, Inc.	Twin Falls, ID	\$50,000	Blended flax/straw mulch product development.
Campitana Inc. dba Montana Products	Polson	\$50,000	Montana ethanol enhancement project.
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council	Browning	\$50,000	Blackfeet renewable energy development.
Montana Preservation Alliance	Helena	\$15,500	Publication of "Montana's Last Best Barns".
NCAT	Butte	\$40,400	Building a Montana organic livestock industry.
Get 'Er Done Wiest	Brady	\$50,000	Replacement and upgrade of equipment.
Jan B. Newman	Clinton	\$12,930	Establishment of High Mountain Horse Care Cooperative.
Sinsacious Saltz	Great Falls	\$48,300	Expansion of the business' production for increased retail and wholesale sales.
Big Sky Quality Wool, LLC	Broadus	\$50,000	Enhance services at Big Sky Quality Wool, LLC.
Brandborg and Associates dba The Bitterroot Fish Hatchery	Hamilton	\$37,267	Expansion of the business' production and delivery.
Total Not Funded FY 07		\$987,345.15	

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Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
FY 2008 (July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008) Funded Projects			
Bear Paw Development Corporation	Have	\$42,800	For the development of a preliminary site plan for an industrial park dedicated to agricultural processing.
Bio-Based Technologies, LLC	Bozeman	\$15,000	For engine testing and bench analysis of the CAM-A-LINA fuel additive at the MSU-Northern Diesel Technology Laboratory.
Earl Fisher Bio-Fuels, LLC	Chester	\$44,400	For consultant services, advertising, promotion, supplies and materials.
Native Ideals Seed Company	Arlee	\$8,160	For the design of logos and advertising materials; website design and creation; creation and placement of advertising materials; attendance at the Montana Nursery and Landscape Association Annual Meeting; and tradeshow and vendor fees.
Lee's Worm Shack	Glendive	\$22,050	For the completion of a marketing and business plan, design and production of advertising materials, purchase of materials to build worm bins and the purchase of materials to construct a warehouse to house the worm bins.
Vintage Cheese of Montana, LLC	Bozeman	\$15,000	For the completion of vintage-style cheese market research and business development.
Montana Organic Producers Coop	Boulder	\$22,350	For consultant services to complete the project's objectives; travel to the OFARM meeting in LaCrosse, WI and travel in MT to survey production costs; office supplies and materials needed for teleconferencing and long distance calls, printing and publishing.
GooseTender, LLC	Chester	\$14,214	For travel, advertising & promotion, and communications associated with the promotion of the recipient's business.
Gallatin Valley Agriculture Committee	Belgrade	\$3,000	For the purchase of two tents, accessories, supplies and materials for the recipient's Farm Fair.
Timeless Seeds, Inc.	Conrad	\$30,000	For professional marketing services for the recipient's retail line.
Montana Organic Association	Helena	\$1,750	For facilitator expenses and travel involved with the recipient's strategic planning meeting.

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Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
Glendive Community GATE	Glendive	\$49,400	To produce a blueprint for the redesign of the Prairie Development Center, develop a culinary training program, and purchase grain cleaning equipment.
Montana Branded Beef Association	Helena	\$10,000	For advertising and promotion to help develop national markets for the Recipient's products.
Stillwater Packing Company	Columbus	\$50,000	For equipment and construction costs associated with the expansion of the recipient's meat processing facility.
BVS, Inc.	Stevensville	\$20,000	For demonstrations of the recipient's virus identification technology and dissemination of data for Montana beekeepers.
Gold Country Mushroom Inc.	Clancy	\$11,008	For the expansion of the recipient's mushroom production facility.
Kettlehouse Brewing Co. LLC	Missoula	\$25,000	For website redesign, 8-pack carriers and neon signs.
Prairie Winds Homemade Goat Milk Soap and Ewenique Wool and Fiber Products	Valler	\$2,000	For the purchase of an electric carder, commercial mixer and development of a website.
Crossbow Corporation, Inc.	Bigfork	\$11,600	For the purchase of a laboratory scale tablet press for the company's camelina meal supplement venture.
Yourganic Farm	Hamilton	\$6,550	For the purchase of equipment, supplies and materials for the expansion of the recipient's pastured hog operation.
MSU Towne's Harvest Garden	Bozeman	\$12,000	For the production of a documentary and the installation of a new well, drip lines and filtration system.
Ranchland Packing, Inc.	Butte	\$8,500	For consulting services associated with business, strategic and advertising planning.
Great Northern Growers Cooperative	Chester	\$13,000	To purchase a forklift, a 2,000 bushel hopper bottom storage bin and an auger.
North American Camellina Trade Association	Scottsdale	\$50,000	To fund research necessary to acquire an AAFCO definition and approval for camelina meal in animal feeds
Native American Beef Project	Valier	\$20,000	To perform a comprehensive market analysis to determine the feasibility of marketing natural beef produced by Native American ranchers
Vintage Cheese of Montana, LLC	Bozeman	\$19,000	For consultant services to include the development of marketing materials, website maintenance, and updates; and cheese making and facilities design consultation.

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Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
Sleeping Child Farms, LLC	Hamilton	\$7,500	For equipment, advertising, and promotion needed to expand the production of organic foods and agri-tourism opportunities at the recipient's farm.
Montana Gourmet Garlic, LLP	Stevensville	\$6,250	To assist with the expansion of the Recipient's production capabilities.
Midway Colony	Conrad	\$50,000	To assist with the design, fabrication, and installation of the recipient's waste storage pond cover and flare assembly.
Brentari Foods, LLC	Missoula	\$13,444	To assist the recipient redesign its brand and image as a natural and healthy food.
Bio-Energy Innovation and Testing Center	Have	\$48,000	For biodiesel production equipment, supplies and materials, travel, and communications to expand the capabilities of the established testing facilities.
Green Oil Company	New York	\$49,000	For a feasibility study examining the possibility of establishing a bio-based lubricants manufacturing facility in MT.
Montana Poultry Growers Cooperative	Ronan	\$33,900	For the completion of design, engineering & construction of a mobile processing unit; development of marketing materials; development of training materials & execution of training sessions; & the purchase of mobile processing unit supplies and materials.
Midland Bull Test, Inc.	Columbus	\$47,588	To promote new testing capacities.
Montana Stockgrowers Association	Helena	\$6,500	To complete a "Gate to Plate" tour.
Lake County Community Development Corp	Ronan	\$50,000	To maintain food enterprise center.
Great Northern Growers Cooperative	Chester	\$32,000	For travel to trade shows and other marketing events, advertising and promotion activities, packaging materials and salaries for the plant manager.
Country Classic Dairies, Inc.	Bozeman	\$40,000	To purchase equipment for a small scale, high value dairy production facility in Belgrade.
Country Classic Dairies, Inc.	Bozeman	\$10,000	For packaging and product additives, engineering services, communications requirements, and marketing associated travel.
Trevino's Tortillas, LLC	Billings	\$10,000	To purchase equipment which will increase the production capacity.
Trevino's Tortillas, LLC	Billings	\$40,000	To purchase equipment which will increase the production capacity.

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Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
North-West Pork Cooperative	Sun River	\$50,000	For development of a tactical plan, membership plan, and financial package needed to advance project.
Dawson County Extension	Glendive	\$29,800	To establish, research and develop alternative forms of vegetable production in Eastern Montana.
Bigfork Farmers' Market Cooperative	Kalispell	\$2,290	To promote the Bigfork farmers' market.
Trapper Creek Winery	Hamilton	\$21,572	For advertising and promotion, and the purchase of equipment, supplies and materials for the recipient's national sales expansion.
Grains of Montana Bakery Operations, Inc.	Billings	\$50,000	To establish a bakery that will service the recipient's franchise operation.
Total Funded FY 08		\$1,124,626	

FY 2008 Projects Not Funded			
Montana Cattlemen's Association	Billings	\$30,000	Developing virtual link between Montana cattle producers and consumers.
Blacktail Mountain Ranch Co., LLC	Billings	\$49,550	Expansion of BMR's brandname HighMont Beef.
BXL Inc.	Savage	\$50,000	Rebuilding of Bostana Dairy.
MSU Extension Service of Missoula County	Missoula	\$50,000	Marketing assistance to western Montana sheep growers.
Montana Natural Farms	Stevensville	\$49,800	Marketing Montana grains to local and National markets.
Amalthia Sustainable Concepts, LLC	Belgrade	\$39,900	Goat manure compost expansion.
Great Bear Innovation Park	Great Falls	\$20,400	Design of an industrial park outside of Great Falls.
JHS, Inc.	Helena	\$9,879	Alternative sources for remote sensing and precision agriculture.
Big Porcupine Ranch, LLC	Poplar	\$50,000	Development of an at risk youth ranch.
Hunt's Produce, Inc. dba Farmer's Produce	Corvallis	\$50,000	Expansion of the company's business into full service grocery store.
Scientia, LLC	Hamilton	\$50,000	Analytical technology for oil crops, bioenergy products, cooking and synthetic oils, and health supplements.
Kettlehouse Brewing Co., LLC	Missoula	\$35,000	Expansion of the company to include a value-added opportunity for Montana barley producers.

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Applicant Name		Location	Amount	Project
JHS, Inc.		Helena	\$26,679	High resolution digital imager for agriculture producers and noxious weed coordinators.
Wild Flax, LLC		Reed Point	\$48,710	Reed Point cold press for Camelina.
Total Not Funded FY 08			\$559,918	

**Montana Department of Agriculture
GTA Program
Funded/Not Funded Fiscal Year 2009**

Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
FY 2009 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009) Funded Projects			
Montana Monster Munchies, LLC	Bozeman	\$5,650	Development of gluten-free recipes and the "gluten-free" certification of the product and the recipient's factory.
On Thyme Gourmet Inc.	Bridger	\$19,000	Expansion of On Thyme Gourmet brand to value added fresh organic herbed teas.
Human Interactive Products, Inc. dba Great Bear Restoration	Hamilton	\$18,780	Soil mixer/container filling system to integrate VAM-Grow technology into nursery operation.
Montana Cooperative Development Center	Great Falls	\$50,000	To provide technical assistance to GTA applicable entrepreneurs considering cooperative business.
Max Energy, LLC	Missoula	\$5,830	Research into the effects of gondoic acid and camelina oil on cancer cells.
Lake County Community Development Corp.	Ronan	\$50,000	To continue operations that provide value added food processing education to Montana producers.
Wildwood Brewing, Inc.	Victor	\$50,000	To construct a brewery that will incorporate an aquaculture system for 100% waste stream utilization.
Yellowstone Distribution, LLC	Bozeman	\$19,000	To develop a delivery route that will create an opportunity for specialty and independent local businesses to sell more local product.
Western Montana Growers Cooperative	Arlee	\$17,883	To analyze existing operations and implement an effective business model and develop local markets for effective market entry and product distribution.
Silent Creations	Ronan	\$28,597	To process and promote the business's buffalo jerky product.
Great Plains-The Camelina Company	Cincinnati	\$50,000	For feasibility study, technical report, and logistics preparation to determine locales for a camelina crushing facility in Montana.
Ethanol Producers and Consumers	Nashua	\$19,900	To assist with a state-wide ethanol/biofuels education media campaign.
Trevino's Tortillas, LLC	Billings	\$15,000	For the purchase of a drop and fill sealer.
Becky's Berries DBA Stahl Enterprises	Absarokee	\$4,994	To assist with expansion of the business's products into larger markets.
Trevino's Tortillas, LLC	Billings	\$15,000	For the purchase of the packaging materials necessary for the Recipient's new product varieties.

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Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
Kenfield Wind Park I, LLC	Chester	\$6,000	Professional services for the development of an interconnection agreement between the recipient and Northwest Energy.
North-West Pork Cooperative	Sun River	\$25,000	To assist with a membership drive, the development of an updated marketing plan, and the procurement of management funding.
West Fork Creations, Inc. dba The King's Cupboard	Red Lodge	\$5,000	To help the recipient attend the Winter Fancy food Show, Natural Products Expo West, and Summer Fancy Food Show.
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CTW Energy, Inc.	Bozeman	\$49,830	For the development of cold weather algae production system and algal biodiesel production facility.
Montana Hog Marketing Association	Malta	\$25,000	For research and development of a feasibility study for a multi-species packing plant in the Great Falls area.
Western Feedstock Technologies, Inc.	Bozeman	\$45,000	to assist in the development of a pilot scale fructanolic ethanol plant which will utilize barley straw
Woolly Bugger Studios, Inc. dba Laurin School House Creamery	Sheridan	\$25,000	For the construction of a mobile milking parlor and a sheep milk cheese production facility.
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Kathy Christensen	Elliston	\$13,691	To assist with the expansion of the recipient's natural egg production.
Avery Peters	Ronan	\$32,500	To develop marketing materials, establish a marketing campaign and engineer and install a new heating and ventilation system for the recipient's greenhouse.
Rick Gibby	Big Timber	\$14,500	For market development related travel, design and printing of marketing materials, and the purchase and installation of a scale for a natural lamb program.
Midland Bull Test, Inc. and McDonnell Angus	Columbus	\$10,000	To assist with the design, print, and distribution of an educational flyer describing the business's feed efficiency testing capability.
Total Funded FY 09 (Thru December 30, 2008)		\$651,155	

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Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
FY 2009 Projects Not Funded			
Green Oil Company	New York, NY	\$50,000	Renewable energy development.
Chippewa-Cree Indian Dry Fork Farms	Box Elder	\$50,000	Technical assistance for irrigation project.
Miles Community College	Miles City	\$50,000	Purchase, installation, and promotion of a greenhouse for a variety of educational experiences.
City of Deer Lodge	Deer Lodge	\$50,000	Feasibility study for use of algal biomass as livestock feed.
Ranchland Packing	Butte	\$50,000	Technical assistance for feasibility and environmental studies.
Sun Roads Farmory, LLC	Cut Bank	\$49,800	Purchase of equipment and supplies to grow livestock feed through the use of hydroponics.
Sawtooth Stables Youth Equestrian Center, Inc.	Augusta	\$48,100	Purchase of irrigation equipment and farming services toward expansion of the center.
NW Biorenew, LLC	Seeley Lake	\$25,100	Feasibility study for production of bio-ethanol utilizing non-food agricultural residue/wastes.
Sustainable Living Systems, Inc.	Victor	\$7,750	Technical assistance for the promotion of native plants for potential use by nurseries, landscapers, and homeowners.
Flathead Lake Organic Cherry Cooperative	Bigfork	\$20,000	Feasibility study for the development of a packing facility in the Flathead Lake area.
Montana Food Bank Network	Missoula	\$50,000	Feasibility study and business plan assistance for expansion of the current Deer Lodge food processing facility.
Northern Plains Resource Council, Inc.	Billings	\$17,000	Scoping study of the potential for mobile biodiesel production business in Montana.
Hopa Valley Farm to School Project of Hopa Mountain, Inc.	Bozeman	\$16,000	Assistance toward an educational campaign to increase the amount of local foods in school meals.
Allied Bio Energies, LLC	Havre	\$50,000	Engineering design of a large scale commercial bio-diesel plant in Montana.
Montana Food Products Association	Lolo	\$50,000	Purchase of a mobile kitchen facility, label equipment, and research services.

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Applicant Name	Location	Amount	Project
Montana Food Products, LLC	Lolo	\$50,000	Development of a food processing plant.
Park County Biofuels Cooperative	Livingston	\$17,000	Construction of a mobile biofueler.
Treasure State Beef, LLC	Have	\$50,000	Purchase of Montana cattle for processing and distribution.
Montana Monster Munchies, LLC	Bozeman	\$50,000	Assistance with market and product creation; advertising and promotion of the business' gluten-free product.
Green Oil Company	New York, NY	\$50,000	Renewable energy development.
CTW Energy, Inc.	Bozeman	\$49,830	Phase I process of the production of biodiesel from algae.
Sun Roads Farmory, LLC	Cut Bank	\$49,800	Purchase of equipment and supplies to grow livestock feed through the use of hydroponics.
Woody Critters Ranch	Alberton	\$675	Purchase of wool processing mill.
Max Energy	Missoula	\$50,000	Development of a marketing plan to showcase Camelina's anti-cancer benefits.
Ranchland Packing	Butte	\$50,000	Technical assistance for feasibility and environmental studies.
Bear Paw Livestock Commission Company	Chinook	\$28,228.53	Computer programming in preparation for National Animal Identification.
North-West Pork Cooperative	Sun River	\$50,000	Marketing, membership, and funding for pork processing facility.
Total Not Funded FY 09		\$1,079,284	

HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

House Bill 48

Testimony of Ron de Yong
Director, Montana Department of Agriculture

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

For the record, my name is Ron de Yong, director of the Montana Department of Agriculture. I am here to testify in favor of House Bill 48.

As Rep. Beck indicated, HB 48 clarifies the statutes for the Montana Growth Through Agriculture program. It does not significantly change how the program is administered by the Agriculture Development Council and the Montana Department of Agriculture.

There is no fiscal impact due to these proposed housekeeping changes.

The proposed language eliminates confusion and streamlines the statutes under which the program is administered, making it explicit to what we do, which is give out grants and loans. This program was established in 1987 and over the past several years it has become obvious that the wording of the statute required updating.

When making decisions as to whom we give a grant or loan, we must determine:

- Is this a viable business, will it actually work?
- Has the applicant received a loan or grant from us before; what is their track record?
- Will the project benefit the industry as a whole; will it add employees or processing capabilities? (e.g.: Advancing food processing or renewable energy programs within the state.)
- Is there collateral for a loan; what type of loan or grant best fits the applicant's financial situation?

I respectfully request your support for this bill.

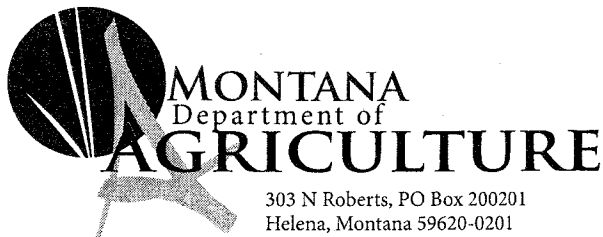


EXHIBIT 1
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Brian Schweitzer
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Memorandum

To: Representative Mary Caferro, HD 80
Representative Margaret MacDonald. HD 54

From: Ron de Yong, Director
Montana Department of Agriculture *RON*

Date: January 14, 2009

Re: Per your request, Montana Food System Council information

Please find attached the names and addresses of the volunteer citizens who serve on the Montana Food System Council. I have included an additional attachment that provides a short biography of each member.

The Council has identified three legislative goals for the 2009 session.

- Extend the sunsets on economic development programs in the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce that support economic development benefits to the state;
- Address the need for food system infrastructure and technical assistance in the state with strategically placed Food & Agriculture Development Centers;
- Reduce the number of people who lack access to plentiful and nutritious food across our state.

Please let me know if I can provide any further information.

Thank you for your time.

Montana Food Systems Council

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Montana Food System Council Bios

Gayle Carlson-Gifford – Executive Director Great Falls Community Food Bank. Past experience includes Executive Director for YWCA/Mercy Home Domestic Violence Shelter, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Alliance for Youth. Her “specialty” is grant writing and research.

Sandy Courtnege – Montana Farmers Union Communications Director. She works with family farmers, ranchers and rural communities to develop statewide, regional and national partnerships for their economic benefit. She serves on the Grow Montana steering committee, a coalition working to create ways for more of Montana’s food and farm products to be used closer to home.

Anita DuPuis - Salish Kootenai College. Anita has established the Community Health and Development Department at Salish Kootenai College, where she is directing efforts in community development and public health with emphasis on whole systems interventions for social change toward developing a healthy tribal community. Anita’s most current work is that of developing health promotion interventions for American Indian communities based in traditional culture and lifestyles.

Erika Fredrickson – Arts Writer Missoula Independent and blogger for a site called Envirovore. She is particularly interested in getting better food processing in Montana and finding innovative ways to help connect Montanans with the great food our state can provide. She brings strong communication skills to the council which will be beneficial in a number of ways.

Pam Gerwe – Owner/operator of small market farm, Purple Frog Gardens. Her goal on the council is to use her voice as a farmer and her networking skills to help facilitate access to Montana food and food production for all Montanans. She assisted to start FarmHands a community organization that has created a map of some of the farms in the Flathead area. She also serves on the AERO board and Flathead County Agency on Aging board.

Mary Ellen Halvorsen – retired Registered Dietician, does some consulting. A long time member of the Montana Dietetic Association she has worked to ameliorate the health of Montanans, alleviate food insecurity and champion various aspects of our Montana Food System. She is currently involved with Helena’s Growing Community Project which is establishing community gardens through the city.

Walt Hanley – Nutrition Manager Rocky Mountain Development Council. He is interested in assisting people to access affordable and healthy food and increasing participation in our food programs. He is a 32 year member of the Montana National Guard. Also volunteers with the Helena Food Bank and Meals on Wheels.

Alison Harmon – Assistant Professor of Food and Nutrition Montana State University. She serves as Faculty Advisor for MSU Towne’s Harvest Community Garden and MSU Friends of Local Food Student Organization. She is also the Americorp VISTA Site Supervisor for MSU’s Food Corps Volunteer. She is active in a number of professional and community organizations.

Coleen Kaiser – MSU Extension Nutrition Education Coordinator; Registered Dietician. She coordinates two low-income nutrition education programs across the state. She is interested in local, affordable foods and food security issues in Montana. She advocates the promotion of healthy lifestyles that include healthy food choices for all Montanans. She is a member of the American and Montana Dietetic Association.

Cheryl Kikkert – Coordinator of the Bitterroot Farmers Market Project and market liaison for the Montana EBT Farmers Market Project. Retired Coordinator of the Ravalli County WIC Program. The focus of her work has been on improving food security and nutritional status of families, seniors, veterans and people with disabilities by increasing access to local food through community gardens and farmers market projects.

Alicia Moe - Owner, marketer, distributor for Cream of the West a manufacturer of Montana-made food since 1914. She believes it is important to find efficient, effective, and creative ways to link Montana producers and consumers in order to sustain a healthy agricultural economy. The professional training she brings to the council is focused on helping groups of people collaborate, communicate and problem solve.

Cindy Owings – retired. She currently spends her time as a writer, organizer, and community food activist. She is a volunteer with the Bozeman Food Co-op and Red Feather Development Group. She writes a bi-weekly column for the Madisonian Newspaper focusing on local agriculture, sustainability, growing your own food and supporting small farmers.

Lisa Schmidt –Rancher (natural grass fed beef and lamb) and Writer. The mission of her ranch is to raise livestock in an environmentally and economically sustainable manner and to teach others about how and why we do it this way. She is active in numerous community organizations.

Bruce Smith – Extension Agent Montana State University and Farm-to-Table Project. Previous employment includes working for three of the eleven largest food manufacturing companies in the world. He believes we can use our statewide asset base to produce a majority of the food we eat in the state. By developing regional food systems we can keep that 10-13% of income the consumers spend on food within our local economies.

Eric Stenberg - Chef The Club at Spanish Peaks and Board Chairman Chefs Collaborative. The mission of the collaborative clearly states our desire to improve our local and national food system by supporting small family farms and education tomorrows chefs and producers on how we can make relationships work to sustain a future of good clean food.

Diana Taylor -Diana Taylor - Mayor of Big Timber. She has a strong interest in re-establishing a sustainable food system in Sweet Grass County and in Montana. She is an active participant in the Big Timber Farmers' Market, the Big Timber Community Garden, the Growing Center at Dornix Park, and Sweet Grass Foods

Jessica Wilcox – Food and Nutrition Services Manager Livingston Health Care. She has been using local foods at her facility since October 2007, probably the only hospital in the state to do so. She is a registered dietitian and passionate about securing local foods as it adds to the local economy, increases the quality, nutrition and freshness of food, decreases her carbon footprint, and she knows the source of her food.

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The Council has identified three legislative goals for the 2009 session.

- Extend the sunsets on economic development programs in the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce that support economic development benefits to the state;
- Address the need for food system infrastructure and technical assistance in the state with strategically placed Food & Agriculture Development Centers;
- Reduce the number of people who lack access to plentiful and nutritious food across our state.